

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 LUSAKA 02899 281438Z

65

ACTION AF-08

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 IO-13 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-02

INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-02 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15

NSCE-00 SSO-00 INRE-00 /075 W

----- 119619

O P 281210Z OCT 76

FM AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4369

INFO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY GABORONE

AMEMBASSY LILONGWE

AMEMBASSY LONDON PRIORITY

CRUEHPCQ/AMEMBASSY MAPUTO PRIORITY 995

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA PRIORITY

USMISSION GENEVA IMMEDIATE

USIA WASHDC IMMEDIATE

UNCLAS LUSAKA 2899

GENEVA FOR WISNER

USIA FOR IOP/M, IPS, IBS/PA

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, ZA, RH

SUBJ: ZAMBIAN EDITORIAL COMMENT ON GENEVA CONFERENCE:

1. ON THE EVE OF THE OPENING OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE, OCT. 28, BOTH THE TIMES OF ZAMBIA AND THE DAILY MAIL CARRIED EDITORIALS ON DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF THE CONFERENCE. THE TIMES OF ZAMBIA CAUTIONED AGAINST THE FRONTLINE STATES PUSHING FOR OBSERVER STATUS AT THE CONFERENCE. THE DAILY MAIL CALLED FOR THE NATIONALISTS TO TAKE A FLEXIBLE, BUT FIRM, REASONABLE BUT UNCOMPROMISING STANCE ON MATTERS OF FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES.

2. TIMES OF ZAMBIA EDITORIAL OFFERED FOUR REASONS WHY THE FRONTLINE STATES SHOULD NOT PUSH FOR OBSERVER STATUS AT THE UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 LUSAKA 02899 281438Z

GENEVA CONFERENCE. FIRST, PSYCHOLOGICALLY, NO RHODESIAN

BLACK NATIONALIST REPRESENTATIVE WOULD HAVE THE NERVE TO SAY NO TO THE PRESENCE OF CERTAIN "OBSERVERS" EVEN IF INCLINED TO DO SO. SECONDLY, THERE SHOULD BE NO AUGUST GALLERY TO THE PROCEEDINGS WHICH MIGHT CONSCIOUSLY OR UNCONSCIOUSLY INDICATE APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF CONTRIBUTIONS BY NATIONALIST REPRESENTATIVES. THIRDLY, A POINT MUST BE REACHED PROMPTLY WHERE DELEGATIONS DROP THE RHETORIC AND VIEW ONE ANOTHER AS RHODESIANS. THIS PROCEESS COULD BE DELAYED BY DELEGATIONS PLAYING TO THE GALLERY FOR THE BENEFIT OF OBSERVERS WHOSE APPROBATION THEY SEEK. LASTLY, THE FRONTLINE STATES HAVE DONE ENOUGH TO GET THE NATIONALISTS WHERE THEY ARE AND SHOULD NOT OVERDO IT BY INSISTING ON SITTING AT THE CONFERENCE TABLE. EDITORIAL APPROVES THE PRESENCE OF FRONTLINE STATE REPRESENTATION OUTSIDE OF THE CONFERENCE FOR ANY "COLLECTIVE CONSULTATION" AND TO RENDER LOGISTICAL SUPPORT TO THE NATIONALISTS, BUT WARNS AGAINST FRONTLINE PRESENCE STEALING THE SHOW OPENLY OR OFFERING TOO MANY ASIDES TO FAVORITES. EDITORIAL CONCLUDES GENEVA IS ABOVE ALL A RHODESIAN SHOW AND "IT IS PRUDENT TO REDUCE ALL POSSIBLE AREAS OF DISAGREEMENT INCLUDING OVER-COUNSELLING".

3. THE DAILY MAIL EDITORIAL OUTLINES THE ISSUES IT SEES FACING THE LEADERS AT GENEVA. FIRST, THE BRITISH MUST MAKE UP THEIR MIND IF THEY WANT TO DECOLONIZE RHODESIA OR NOT. BRITISH MUST APPRECIATE THAT SMITH IS IN GENEVA BECAUSE HE HAS NO OTHER ALTERNATIVE. SMITH MUST BE MADE TO ADMIT THAT THE GAME IS UP, AND, WHEN THIS IS ACCOMPLISHED, THE MECHANICS OF THE TRANSFER OF POWER CAN BE WORKED OUT. THE ONLY MEANINGFUL TRANSFER OF POWER INCLUDES THE CONTROL OF DEFENSE AND INTERNAL SECURITY IN THE HANDS OF THE MAJORITY. ON THIS THERE CAN BE NO COMPROMISE, BECAUSE, LEFT IN THE HANDS OF THE MINORITY, THESE INSTRUMENTALITIES WILL CONTINUE TO BE TURNED AGAINST THE MAJORITY AND POWER WILL NOT HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED IN REALITY. IF THE NATIONALISTS DON T GET CONTROL OF THE POLICE AND THE ARMY AT THE CONFERENCE TABLE THEY WILL GET IT ON THE BATTLEFIELD. THE ONLY DIFFERENCE BEING IN THE LATTER CASE IS THERE WILL BE NO ONE "WITH WHOM THE AFRICANS WILL BE DUTY BOUND TO SHARE THE SPOILS". "THE STAND OF THE NATIONALISTS SHOULD BE FLEXIBLE, BUT FIRM, REASONABLE BUT UNCOMPROMISING ON MATTERS OF FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES AND ABOVE ALL, THEY MUST PUT THE UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 LUSAKA 02899 281438Z

INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE OF RHODESIA AS A WHOLE ABOVE PERSONAL POLITICAL GAIN." THE EDITORIAL CONCLUDES "WE WANT THE TALKS TO MARK THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF OPPRESSION, ARROGANT SETTLERISM, COLONIALISM AND RACISM NOT ONLY IN RHODESIA, BUT ALSO IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AS A WHOLE".
LOW

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptoning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PRESS COMMENTS, POLITICAL SETTLEMENT, POLICIES, CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 28 OCT 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976LUSAKA02899
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760402-0904
From: LUSAKA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19761010/aaaaahri.tel
Line Count: 113
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION AF
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: buchant0
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 17 JUN 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <17 JUN 2004 by DuboseBM>; APPROVED <05 JAN 2005 by buchant0>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: ZAMBIAN EDITORIAL COMMENT ON GENEVA CONFERENCE
TAGS: PFOR, ZA, RH, SZ
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006